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## GAINING EVERY WEEK.

Having shifted from Massachusetts the primary contest is today under way in Maryland, where the president and ex-president appeared in advocacy of their positions. The contest is getting to a point where Taft needs but a few more votes to put Roosevelt entirely out of the running. Maryland, it is figured will give 16 delegates to the president, or a comfortable boost at the present time.

The Roosevelt agitation to get the southern vote was a slap at the manhood of those chosen and found to be in such poor taste that the trick was abandoned. In order to strengthen the fight the rumor is revived that the New York delegation will go for Roosevelt. Chairman Barnes has discredited and continues to deny such a fact. The state is exposed to Roosevelt, and the delegates have declared they are for Taft, barring the few who were known to be Roosevelt men when elected.

The past week was a Taft week again, he getting 44 of the 74 delegates chosen. This week Nevada, Arkansas and Kansas will hold state conventions in which Taft delegates will be elected by the first two. There will also be a number of district conventions and by the end of the week it is safe to assume that President Taft will be easily inside the necessary 100 delegates.

## DREDGE THE MISSISSIPPI.

In the Mississippi valley, conditions seem to grow worse rather than improve. The flood is being fed by incessant rains and the melting of much snow and ice to the north, and it is impossible for the levees to retain the great volume of water. The great losses which have sustained this year, running well into the millions, point to this as one of the great problems the country must next take up and solve.

Hundreds of millions have been spent on the Mississippi, covering a long space of time, but it has lacked system or permanency. Each succeeding flood would tear down all that had been constructed. How to meet the problem is, of course, a matter which needs much study. The establishment of great conservation reservoirs at the headwaters, which will take care of the flood waters so they can be let down gradually or be used in connection with irrigation, has been urged as a means of overcoming the disastrous floods, in addition to the rebuilding of the levees.

R. P. Jackson, a railroad president of that section, has given the question much thought, and it is his recommendation that the river be dredged. With the country soon to have a vast amount of machinery necessary for such work, on its hands from the Panama canal, together with the experienced help, he advocates with much strength that the employing of that machinery in deepening the great river would give more permanent results than building levees to be washed away at each flood. The river is shallow and the channel constantly changing. There is opportunity to lower the bottom, but the sides can be raised only about to the point where they have been.

## THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

It was anticipated that the answer to the senate's inquiry concerning Magdalena bay would be as it was—that there was nothing to cause the belief that Japan intends to acquire Magdalena bay. It is conclusively set forth that the Japanese are not running a factious house. It is, however, the duty of this country to see that she does not in the future.

No one can deny the value of such a position to Japan if she could secure it, and likewise the detriment to this country. For that reason, the committee on foreign relations needs the united support of all when they present a resolution for the broadening of the Monroe doctrine. It is held that it should be made to cover such a situation as that which developed at Magdalena bay, and in fact, the acquiring by a private company of land for a colony at strategic points may well be brought under its wing.

It is a fitting time to attempt and carry through such legislation with the Japanese situation fresh in mind. It affords the reason and anticipates any other similar action from abroad, inasmuch as extensive surveys were made and large holdings seemed about ready to be turned over. It is well to keep the Monroe doctrine well in mind and to the front. Though Magdalena bay is not in danger, there is no time like the present to act, if it can be found that the doctrine can be so broadened.

## THE COAL STRIKE.

After such excellent progress had been made towards the settlement of the coal strike and reductions had been made in a few places it was disheartening news to the ultimate consumer when the agreement failed of consummation. Of course, all the good that has been done has not been overthrown, but it has been given a setback which may require another month of idleness. It is believed, however, that with an increase of ten per cent. in wages, to which the operators are favorable, and the committee to meet together on the whole matter, that it cannot but have a wholesome effect on the outcome. Much time has been given to the careful consideration of the trouble by the sub-committee and their tentative agreement which went to the committee of twenty for ratification and was rejected will have another delay and conference.

For a month, now, the hard-coal miners have been idle. The calling of a convention means a delay until the middle of this month for approval or disapproval of the agreement which the big committee rejected. The projected settlement will mean the usual spring reduction in coal, so that again the public as well as the wage earner loses.

## THE DEMOCRATIC RACE.

The situation in the democratic party at the present time shows Champ Clark to be in the lead, with Wilson running second and several others following, including Underwood, Marshall, Baldwin, Burke and Harmon. By the democratic rule, a two-thirds vote is required to secure the nomination, which means this year 728. At the present time Clark is the leader in the race with 196, and Wilson second with 107, so that both are a long distance from the goal. It must be remembered that with all the candidates that Bryan is a delegate to the convention and he may yet throw his hat in the ring.

Though Clark is in the lead as the delegates now stand by almost two to one, the New York delegation is not for him, and the feeling so far as known, places them with Wilson. Clark is the democrat who stirred up no great opposition to Grover Cleveland a score of years ago by calling him the counterpart of Judas Iscariot and Benedict Arnold. Inasmuch as Cleveland was one of the greatest of democrats, the actions of Clark have not been forgotten by the old-timers and he is being termed a joker and spinner of old-fashioned yarns. After harking and filling on the reciprocity question he caught the public sentiment of Canada and helped to defeat that measure. He is a man who lacks initiative. He is in the lead now, but many more delegates are needed to secure the nomination and a sentiment is rising to change the two-thirds rule. Governor Wilson's supporters, it is said, are in favor of such a change. Dejected opinion seems to think that from now on the Wilson delegates will begin to work up stronger, with the New York delegation, would put him rather close to Clark.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

After tonight, President Taft will likely be heard humming "Maryland, My Maryland."

The Massachusetts primary showed the democrats about as scarce as the Nebraska populists.

From the amount of rain from the April showers, the land should be in full bloom this month.

The administration favors no re-counts in Massachusetts. The delegates as chosen will be seated.

The girl graduates may not be sure about their exams; but they will not get left on their graduation gowns.

Harvard is going to remove her elms and put in their places the red oak, a longer lived and less graceful tree.

Pronounced faith in the anti-tuberculosis work is shown by Dr. Francis Bacon's gift of \$100,000 to the cause.

When Mr. Morgan said "There is no such thing as a money loss," he probably meant he had no coin on the Titanic.

As a summer diet, meat is far from being the most wholesome. The garden truck will be fresh and reasonable in price.

The question of those delegates at large in Massachusetts will be quickly settled if they would leave it to their alternates.

There is something in those 38-cent extravaganzas that causes one to wonder if it will extend to the graduation dress.

Happy thought for today: We should be looking for the beam in our own eye instead of the mote in the other fellow's.

Releasing delegates is the latest move. Governor Foss has followed Roosevelt's example without consulting the delegates.

A New York judge has decided that the woman who expects \$25 a week alimony from a \$10 man can find no support in a court of justice.

The new torpedo-boat destroyer, Jonnet backed over her course at the rate of 27 miles an hour, which is faster than most steamboats can go ahead.

What Roosevelt did at Brownsville, and what he did in settling the coal strike in Pennsylvania, didn't appear to make conditions better for the average man.

In every state thus far the star-atoms outnumber the voters who turn out to give preferential primaries the appearance of representing the voice of the people.

So far, Governor Baldwin, with his 14 Connecticut votes, is ahead of both Harmon and Burke, which is going some, considering the start the other fellows had.

Over 100 applications were received by the Philadelphia theater manager for the position as usher vacated by the young woman who eloped. Can it be the job or the little opportunity they are seeking?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Precursor.

Mr. Editor: One of your editorial notes of Saturday declares that the first mosquito has appeared with the same old merry tune he always sings. True, but what has become of the presidential bee in Theodore's bonnet since he used the bee and himself by throwing it into the ring?

It can't be it, the dethroned bee that is now making all the noise, in view of the appearance of Theodore on account of having been deprived of his home; for never did a presidential bee act so silly before.

Perhaps it is a fly that has lit on Theodore's mouth and excruciates him that causes the noise. Maybe the fly, not wishing to be far behind the mosquito in singing, is now chanting to Theodore in reverence for his recent interpretation of Lincoln's character, that faithful old war refrains: "We are coming, Father Abraham, three hundred thousand more!"

If so, let that number of flies come for Theodore's edicts in awaiting, and it may help to give him business enough until the convention meets. Then Theodore must be strangled himself and be made to keep out of the White house in fulfillment of his promise.

June bugs will then be in order and may start in Chicago for Theodore a new order of things instead of the third tier.

O. H. TALCOTT,  
Norwich, May 2, 1912.

## Woman in Life and in the Kitchen

## SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Salt may be used effectually to scrub grease spots from the top of a stove.

Ink stains are sometimes removed by soaking in sour milk and then rinsing in a weak solution of chloride of lime.

Iron rust stains yield to the following treatment: Soak the stain in lemon juice, sprinkle with salt and bleach several hours in the sun.

Fine gingham and percales will emerge from the stain with the gloss and dressing of new material if dipped in sweet milk instead of starch.

Bread boards and other wooden utensils may be kept white and stainless by scrubbing with soap and lukewarm water, to which may be added a little common soda or household ammonia.

To clean woodwork steep tea grounds in a tin pail or pan for half an hour. Strain through sieve and wash out the tea to wash all varnished paint, but it should not be used on the unvarnished paint.

Go over the contents of your sideboard, especially the table linen, laying aside such pieces as need mending and are worn out, and put the hopelessly worn objects aside with your store of old linen. Wipe out the sideboard drawers and let them get entirely dry before restoring the linen to its place.

## HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

One of the best tonics and whiteners of the skin is a few drops of a mixture of lemon juice and water in the wash water.

A good hair tonic is made of tincture of cascades one-half dram, Cologne water one ounce. Rub water one ounce.

The care of a child's finger nails should not be neglected. It will not take long before a child will feel as conscious as a grown person of unclean nails.

The use of creams on the face sometimes causes hair to grow. This is due more to the massage that is given with the creams than to the creams themselves.

Hot milk, sipped slowly, is efficacious for relieving the throat irritation that frequently follows a severe cold or is an accompaniment of a bronchial cough.

A certain English physician in speaking of a man whose hair had turned gray declares that he was ordered to Switzerland for two months and did a great deal of mountain climbing during that time. His hair gradually returned to its natural color.

## FRESH AIR FOR BABY.

An abundance of fresh air is as necessary for the health of a baby as plenty of sleep and nourishing food. With the exception of a few stormy days, the baby should be taken out of doors every day. Besides this, it must have plenty of fresh air in the living and sleeping rooms. There is no danger of having too much fresh air. In too many homes cold weather and necessary fires mean stuffy rooms. How common it is to see the entire family huddled around the stove in the evening—all breathing and rebreathing the foul air. The old expression, "trying to heat the whole outdoors," has been so impressed upon their minds that, by trying to keep the heat in, they keep all the fresh air out. Some houses never are ventilated during the winter months. The only fresh air that gains an entrance is the small quantity that makes in when a door is opened to allow some person to pass in or out.

The effect of this lack of ventilation is seen in the pale, drawn faces of the family. Mother's face becomes wrinkled and drawn, not with age, but with oxygen starvation.

## NEEDLEWORK NOTES.

The tunic is apparent in skirts of cloth, while for those of silk, voile and other soft materials there are many delightful draped ideas.

The three-quarter length sleeve is approved for all manner of garments, from the demi-tailored suit of cloth to the lingerie gown of shadow net or illusion.

One woman has laid in a supply of the simple Irish picot edging as a finish for some gowns and skirts. It is sufficiently heavy not to look out of place on the huck.

For the thin dresses a little fullness in the shape of gathers or fine lace about the hips is desirable. Sleeves are short and the collarless neck is considered good style.

An acceptable gift for a man is a bag to hold two or three clean shirts in his suitcase when traveling. The bag is made of gray linen, shaped like a long Manila envelope, with the flap at the end. Make it just large enough to allow the shirts to fit snugly. Bind the bag with colored cord and fasten the flap by a button. On the flap the man's initials may be embroidered.

You may avoid bad spots in garments being remodeled by examining the goods carefully and cutting out any holes or defective spots with thread of a contrasting color. These spots, which might otherwise be overlooked, can thus be avoided in the cutting or can be put in an unimportant place.

## STYLES IN MILLINERY.

White vulture quills have recently come into prominence along with the many other white feather trappings now so much in vogue, says the Dry Goods Economist. Some especially good numbers with white silk motifs at the base are being featured. White winks and white feather bandings for use as trim on gowns and blouses continue to sell freely. Ostrich fanes, edgewise, etc., remain in good position. Pheasant is coming to the front, particularly the silver pheasant variety. The long ones are curved around the edge of a hat or else used in an upright position on the crown. Either alone or in conjunction with a single ostrich.

## HOUSEWIFELY LORE.

Sprinkle the top of a cake with powdered sugar before icing it; this lessens the chances of the icing running off the sides.

If cream is whipped in a fairly deep pitcher, it will not spatter as it does when a bowl is used.

To remove the lettering on salt or sugar bags, dampen them with kerosene and let them stand over night; then wash in strong soap suds; the lettering will disappear.

When pressing a seam or crease in a wool garment, the dampening with a paper towel of a damp cloth between the iron and the wool. The dress, laid flat, will be more set satisfactorily done.

A few chopped mushrooms added to the creamed codfish improves the flavor.

A tablespoonful of melted butter or

chocolate stirred into the poor man's rice pudding quite changes the character of the dessert.

Try baking bacon instead of frying it. Lay the thin strips across a rack or toaster and place this in a pan. Put into a hot oven and keep it there till it is done to suit, whether soft or crisp, according to fancy. Pour off the fat in the pan and keep it for sauteing.

A baker for the top of the stove, especially adapted to roasting potatoes, looks much like an ordinary flat gas toaster. It is provided with a cover which fits closely over the rack, so no heat is lost.

The mother who finds her stockings bag always well filled with holes, needing her attention will appreciate the time saving qualities of the toe guard. These are to be found inisle as well as cotton and in different colors as well as all sizes.

If there is much home sewing done, do not fail to have a pair of buttonhole scissors in the work basket. By means of these buttonholes may be exactly cut and so be the more easily worked. Strain through sieve and wash out the tea to wash all varnished paint, but it should not be used on the unvarnished paint.

Just as a small spoon is handy in the flour can, so a teaspoon is handy if kept in the sugar, baking powder or soda jar. Get tin spoons and bend the handles back on themselves, so they will easily slip into the cans or jars.

Coarse salt and lemon pulp will be found excellent for removing stains from enameled pans and dishes.

## IDEAS OF A PLAIN MAN

Once, in my dream, a man showed me God's photograph. It was a little box made of time and light and feeling, all worked into a semblance of gold and holy-work.

He told me that this photograph contained the record of every word I had said, of every thought that had sounded upon my consciousness, and of every love or hate that had vibrated from my heart.

Whoever you talk, he said, you are not speaking into space, but you have your lips to the machine. It turns its cylinder unceasingly and catches and holds every motion of your being.

There is a row of keys here. Press certain ones and you hear again what took place in your life at any period.

It was curious, so I pushed a key and listened to myself at the age of ten, of two, of twenty, and of other years.

And after I had listened a while, I began to feel much depressed.

And the man said, "What do you think of yourself?"

And I answered, "My chief sentiment is pity. I am sorry for the soul to whom I have listened. He was so ignorant, so mistaken, so lacking in foresight."

"Do you think, then, that God's feeling toward all men is one of pity?"

"I do."

"But," he answered, as he put the instrument in my case, "there is where you are mistaken. You have partial wisdom; God has perfect wisdom. To you life is a series of errors; to God it is a beautiful growth. He is not displeased with the human creature; He has made."

## OTHER VIEW POINTS

The picture of the democratic house majority trying to apply its "economy" slogan to its own pet mileage graft is one to move the heart of anyone a mile—Waterbury American.

To the great indignation of the woman suffrage contingent at Washington, the senate has ordered the closing of the woman's resting room. Let them get their own headquarters—Meriden Journal.

Kaiser Wilhelm has bought two sheep farms. If a few social leaders over here would do the same, cattle raising might become afad and the prices of meat come tumbling down—New Britain Herald.

It is regrettable that so good a society as the Connecticut Humane society should be in such a bad fix. The disquisitions which have arisen within the ranks of its officers cannot conduce to efficient service—Ansonia Sentinel.

New Jersey now has a law that makes it compulsory to fly the American flag over voting booths. If the men who vote will only remember what the flag stands for and vote accordingly there will be some value to the law—Hartford Post.

There is to be a trial of the parcels post experiment and on its success further use of the system will depend. The postoffice appropriation bill has a provision that will admit of the trial. It is a body blow to certain interests beside the express companies—Bridgeport Standard.

If Theodore Roosevelt had the slightest desire or purpose to divest himself of political advantage as a result of the Massachusetts primary he would ask that the delegates pledged to him should be excluded from the convention altogether—New Haven Register.

Colonel Waterston may be right when he says that the Wilson boomers are only following a hearse to the graveyard, but it will do no harm to remember that his famous property, about marching through a slaughterhouse to the open grave, failed of fulfillment—Providence Journal.

The annual story comes from Delaware that the peach crop has been damaged by the unseasonable cold which nipped the early buds. Such reports are not at all alarming up this way as they were before it was discovered that New England hillside produce the best fruit in the world, especially peaches—Springfield Republican.

What Theodore Roosevelt really wanted in Massachusetts, and worked his hardest for, was Illinois and Pennsylvania over again—something in the political cyclone or earthquake line, big and catastrophic. And after a campaign such as this country never saw before—himself on the stump day and night, and money poured out for him like water—Theodore Roosevelt didn't get it—Hartford Courant.

Those Who Always Win.

After three months of effort the congressional investigation of the Money Trust has at last succeeded in providing a job for two able trust lawyers—New York World.

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